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Application No.:	09/427291
Filed:	October 26, 1999
For:	IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES
Examiner:	Paul Prebille
Group Art Unit:	3731

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P.O. Box 1450
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Docket No.: S63.2N-4944-US04

STATUS LETTER

We would appreciate receiving a Status Report on the above-identified application at the earliest possible date.

A review of our files indicates that we filed an Amendment, along with accompanying documents, on August 26, 2005 in response to a Non-Final Office Action dated March 28, 2005. Since then we filed a Status Request on April 17, 2006 to which we have still not received a response to.

Respectfully submitted,

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Following please find a(n) 1 page Status Request; and 1 page Facsimile Transmittal Letter.

With respect to fees:

- No additional fee is believed to be required
- Charge any fee deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350

Conditional Petition

If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore.

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